



Introduced Version

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of 811 laws in Indiana.

Whereas, 811 laws are designed to prevent damage to property and injury to individuals by requiring contractors conducting excavations to determine the location of underground resources and utilities before beginning work;

Whereas, The location of underground resources and utilities are determined with the help of a statewide database of facility locations that is created in part using information provided by the utilities; and

Whereas, If utility companies do not correctly identify the

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location of their underground facilities, the usefulness of 811 laws is mitigated, and contractors and members of the general public may be at risk of injury: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
2 Legislative Council to assign to the appropriate committee the topic of
3 the effectiveness of the 811 laws in Indiana, with particular focus on
4 how current law may be modified to increase worker safety and ensure
5 an equitable distribution of responsibility between contractors and
6 utility providers for fulfilling the laws' requirements.

